

## COMMUNICATION.

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OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL COMPANY,  
*Frederick, Jan. 7, 1842.*

*To the Honorable the Speaker  
of the House of Delegates of Maryland:*

Sir,—I yesterday received the order of the House of Delegates passed on the 1st inst., calling upon the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to report to the House of Delegates “at as early a day as possible, what progress has been made during the year 1841, towards the completion of said Canal, what amount of State Bonds have been sold or hypothecated by said Company in the year 1841, to whom sold or hypothecated, and at what price or prices—what disposition has been made of the bonds authorised to be issued by an act passed at December session 1840, ch. 30; if said bonds remain unsold, what efforts have been made to realize the money for the same, what price or prices the Company have been offered for them, what amount of State bonds the Company hold that are not hypothecated?”

“Also report what the debts and liabilities of the Company are, also to ascertain from the chief Engineer under oath what amount of money will be required to complete the Canal to Cumberland, what has been the amount of tolls collected during the last twelve months, what was the amount of income above the expenditures, what number of officers, agents and engineers were in the employ of said company when the said President took charge of the company, what are the number of officers, agents and engineers, that are now in the employ of said company—what extra allowance, if any, has been given or permitted to be given to those employed, and to whom given, and what are the salaries of the different officers?”

Immediately upon the receipt of the order, the distinct inquiries appertaining to matters immediately under charge of the clerk, chief engineer and treasurer were respectively referred to them, and I have the honor herewith to communicate their several reports, which embrace answers to all the interrogatories contained in the order. It will be perceived that the corps of engineers was increased in April last. This increase was made in order to enable